

Church News.

TO THE GENERAL BROTHERHOOD.

DEAR BRETHREN, GREETING:—The time for our next National Conference is rapidly drawing near and the question in every brother's mind should be what resolutions, etc., were passed by last Conference, and have we complied with them? Conference work becomes effectual only when the churches and membership are influenced to action by the councils and advice of the conference. Hence all should read and re-read the minutes of former sessions and promptly do what has not already been done. For the future or next conference the date should at once be selected and definitely settled. Prompt and vigorous application for the best possible railroad rates should be instituted and application for said rates can only be intelligently made when time of conference is definitely fixed. The program should be prepared and printed as soon as possible, as the printed program is advantageous in correspondence with railroad officials when asking for rates. Congregations should early elect delegates and provide for their expenses, and congregations not sending delegates should represent by letter so that all are represented, and whether represented by delegate or letter all should send their cash quota for conference expenses. All who have council and advise to give for the benefit of executive committee should do so now through the EVANGELIST. And said executive should soon meet at Ashland to make all necessary arrangements.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. KNEPPER, Moderator.
Berlin, Pa., May 9, 1895.

FROM HOMER CHURCH.

Our communion on last Saturday evening, May 11, was an enjoyable one, though only two members from adjoining churches were with us, viz., brother and sister Emanuel Beeghley from Fair Haven. The weather was against a large congregation. Everything passed off quietly and harmoniously. May the Lord ever keep us all near the foot of the cross. Our young members seemingly enjoyed the solemn services.

D. J. MYERS.

FROM FISHER'S HILL, VA.

On reaching the home of Brother Kirby at Forestville last Saturday, I found his daughter-in-law ready for baptism, which was administered just before the evening service. Delegates have been elected in nearly all the congregations to the Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia District Conference.

GEO. A. COPP.

FROM LAPAZ, IND.

It has been a long time since I have written. I hoped others would communicate the news from this place, but I have not seen anything, so will say that they are all too busy. Truly, I can say (they or we) are like a hive of bees, and can give little attention to anything, save our own business, as we are building a house of worship this summer, and thus far, it is progressing finely. First, some donated timber, others hauled it to Longaker's mill, where it was sawed in such lumber as was desired. Others hauled it back to the lot, the lot which was bought and paid for, and is located on the southeast corner at the crossing of county line, crossing the Michigan road one mile north of LaPaz. The foundation is built, the lot is fenced, and in about a week the carpenters, axes and hammers will ring the glad notes, The Brethren at work on the county line church building. And that is not all, the sisters are just as busy as bees, every one of them. We want to help furnish it when it is done, and Thursday and sometimes Saturday afternoons we work, quilting quilts, or sewing carpet rags; while nearly every week each member donates five cents to the work. We are succeeding nicely. This of necessity makes our work much heavier at home, but with tired bodies and beaming countenances, each is anxious to perform their duties. The Lord is our sufficiency to do all his will. Praise the Lord for this. The little children are also working, saving and gathering pennies for a Bible for the pulpit. All are interested in the good work. Our Sabbath-school is at our school-house on the county line, and is well attended for a country school. We have considerable opposition, but we are too busy to notice them, so they don't trouble us much. We are glad to hear from Brother Holsinger again. Hope he will come east and get in church work again. It would make the paper more interesting if he would get mixed up with the Brethren again. So many good writers have dropped out. We look for their names, but we always look in vain. What's the matter, are all too busy? If it must needs be to drop out of EVANGELIST I hope you are too busy in some other equally good work, but the paper might be made much brighter by your help, and the readers encouraged to greater efforts, and no doubt the editor made happy. We have had a cold wave for the last few days, and tender plants look rather sorrowful over the rough handling they have received.

MRS. S. C. HOSTETLER.

A selfish reform commits suicide.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO.

We held our communion meeting at this place on Saturday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock. The house was filled to an overflowing capacity. There were about seventy participants around the Lord's table. And a good meeting was enjoyed. It seems as though we can not get any nearer our Lord and Master here on earth than we can by gathering around the Lord's table and partaking of the broken emblems and shed blood of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Brother White, minister of the West Independence church and one of their lay members were present with us. And we were sorry they could not stay over the Lord's day with us. Sunday was our regular preaching day, and at the close of the service four came forward and made the good confession, and at the close of the evening services were baptized in the baptistery. And we believe many more have said in their hearts, "almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian." May the good work go on, and many be made to say, "I will arise and go to my Father." We organized a King's Children society here, with a membership of thirty-five. They hold their meetings every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. They are having good meetings taking into consideration the fact that they are all new beginners in that line of work. Each member realizes that there is a duty for them to do, and are ready and willing to do the same. This is all for the present.

May 13.

W. O. TROWBRIDGE.

FROM GARWIN, IOWA.

We have organized Sunday-school at our church, commencing with the second quarter. We are using the Brethren literature this year for the first time, and we pronounce it good. We have good attendance and good attention. As for the church, we have very good congregations. Brother and sister W. C. Thomas are at present deprived of the privilege of attending the religious services on account of the illness of their son Evart. May God bless the house of Brother and Sister Thomas. We are pleased to hear of so many souls being rescued from sin. May the good work go on.

F. M. CHASE.

THE BETHANY CHURCH.

The Bethany church, Brown Co., Kan., is still progressing. Large congregation Sunday, one lady baptized at night. We expect to entertain the convention. Notwithstanding the sisters are working to paper the church, they presented us with \$5 for the parsonage at Carleton.

May 15.

J. D. MCFADEN.